IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers in the above-identified application (A version of the amended claims with markings to show the changes made is also attached hereto).

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- 1. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:

 at least one powdered polymer; and

 a metal oxide, wherein the metal oxide has been size-reduced to a mean
 agglomerate particle size of less than about 25 microns.
- 12. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:

 from about 99.5 to about 99.9 wt% at least one powdered polymer, and
 from about 0.1 to about 0.5 wt% of the reaction product of fumed silica and
 hexamethyldisilazane, wherein the reaction product has been size-reduced to a mean agglomerate
 particle size of less than 10 microns.
- 14. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:

 at least one powdered polymer; and

 the non-deammoniated reaction product of at least one metal oxide and hexamethyldisilazane, wherein the reaction product has been size-reduced to a mean agglomerate particle size of less than about 25 microns.

(Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:

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from about 98 to about 99.9 weight percent of at least one powdered polymer; and from about 0.1 to about 2.0 weight percent of a flatting agent that is non-deammoniated reaction product of from about 80.0 to about 99.9 weight percent fumed silica and from about 0.1 to about 20.0 weight percent hexamethyldisilazane, wherein the reaction product has been size-reduced to a mean agglomerate particle size of less than about 25 microns.